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Applicant: Anders, et al. December 5, 2003
Serial No.: 10/071,338 Group Art Unit: 1646
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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

UNDER 35 U.S.C. §121

Sir:

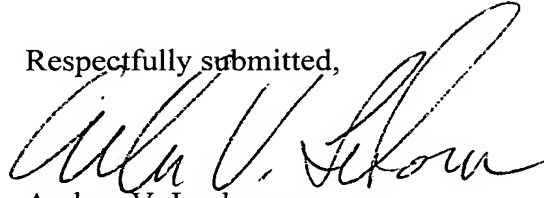
This paper is in response to the Detailed Action dated November 10, 2003, setting forth a 30-day shortened statutory period for reply. This response is being filed within said period, and no fees are believed due. However, authorization is hereby given to deduct any fees required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-2570, should any fees be due.

Claims 1-37 and 45-49 are subject to restriction requirement. Upon review of the Detailed Action provided by the Examiner, Applicants provisionally elect Group XVI consisting of claims 30-36 and 45-49 with traverse. Applicants submit that the Examiner provided a Notice of Possible Rejoinder of the claims within Groups VIII-XIV if the claims Group XVI are found to be directed to an allowable product during prosecution. Thus, as instructed by the Examiner, amendments to claims contained within Groups VIII-XIV will be made as necessary throughout prosecution.

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Applicants retain the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected subject matter, should the restriction requirement become final.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrea V. Lockenour', written in a cursive style.

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